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FOR US CUSTOMS FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

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US CUSTOMS ATTACHE MEXICO CITY

E.O. 11652: DECLASSIFY UPON RECEIPT

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR VALUE INFORMATION

1. MR EWING, ASSISTANT CUSTOMS ATTACHE, MEXICO, WISHES TO ADVISE THAT ON FEBRUARY 2, 1976, A MEETING WAS HELD WITH ENRIQUE WHITE SUB-DIRECTOR INCOMEX, GOC AGENCY GOVERNING IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

2. MR WHITE REPORTED THAT JOANNE FASHIONS, S.A., MANIZALES, AND 807 OPERATION MANUFACTURING WOMEN'S WEARING APPAREL AND SUBJECT OF A VALUE INQUIRY BEING CONDUCTED BY MR EWING, HAS FILED BANKRUPTCY AND IS NO LONGER IN BUSINESS. ALL MACHINERY AND ASSETS ARE REPORTEDLY IN THE LEGAL POSSESSION OF THEIR CREDITORS. LOCATION OF OWNERS AND/OR MANAGEMENT OF JOANNE FASHIONS IS UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME.

3. MR EWING REQUESTS THAT MR BARRY GILLIS, IMPORT SPECIALIST, NEWARK NJ BE CONTACTED TO DETERMINE IF APPRAISEMENT AND LIQUIDATION OF CONCERNED ENTRIES CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED BASED ON INFORMATION IN HIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POSSESSION OR AVAILABLE FROM THE IMPORTER.

4. IF INQUIRY SHOULD CONTINUE, MR EWING REQUESTS THAT RDI, NEW YORK, CONTACT IMPORTER, COLOMBIA ORIGINZAL, 209 EAST 138 STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK TO DETERMINE IF THEY ARE IMPORTING FROM OWNERS OF JOANNE FASHIONS UNDER A DIFFERENT NAME OR IF THEY KNOW CURRENT LOCATION OF OWNERS IN ORDER THAT THEY CAN BE INTERVIEWED. ONWERS AND/OR MANAGEMENT MAY BE U.S. CITIZENS NOW RESIDING IN THE U.S.

5. PLEASE REPLY BY FEB 10, 1976, IF POSSIBLE IN ORDER THAT INQUIRY CAN BE COMPLETED IF NECESSARY PRIOR TO MR EWING DEPARTURE FROM COLOMBIA.

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